



City of Boston
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Licensing Board

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Dear Licensee,

You are receiving this correspondence because you have been approved for either a temporary extension onto outdoor space or a series of special one days to operate a wine and malt beverages license on a non-contiguous space as part of the City of Boston's 2021 Outdoor Dining Pilot Program.

Please be advised that licensees operating outdoor dining space on private patios and public streets as part of the 2021 Outdoor Dining Pilot Program, with the exception of licensees in the North End, may continue operating until **Friday, December 31, 2021 at 11:00 pm**. This will be the last day that patrons may be seated in outdoor areas approved or licensed as part of the Outdoor Dining Pilot Program. (Please note that the Licensing Board for the City of Boston will not be granting extensions to licensed hours of operation for New Years Eve this year.)

No action is required to continue operating as part of the Outdoor Dining Pilot Program through December 31; however, Licensees **must** adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Tents and pop-up canopies are prohibited on public property, including sidewalks, parking lanes, and City parks. No exceptions will be made.
2. Licensees are prohibited from running any power cords across sidewalks or other paths of travel.
3. Licensees seeking to use propane heaters may only do so upon applying and receiving written approval from the Boston Fire Department via the [online application portal](#). No propane heaters may be installed or utilized prior to the inspection and receipt of the written approval of the Boston Fire Department.
4. The City reserves the right to require the immediate removal of all or select installations to accommodate a response to winter storms.

The Licensed Premise Unit of the Boston Police Department will be conducting inspections of temporary outdoor dining areas. Failure to adhere to the requirements above will result in possible disciplinary action, including but not limited to the suspension or revocation of the temporary extension and any other license issued to you by the Board.

Licensees who received portable ramps from the Commission for Persons with Disabilities may keep them until further notice.

Licensees operating outdoor dining patios on public sidewalks may continue operating until Friday, April 1, 2022 or until the Board issues further guidance, and subject to the requirements above.

Licensees with permanent approved patios shall abide by the conditions on their license as set by the Licensing Board.

At this time, the City is exploring options for an outdoor dining program for 2022 and future years. We will share details with all licensees as soon as they are available. Please note that not all outdoor dining areas approved for this year's temporary program will be approved going forward.

Thank you for your participation in this year's Outdoor Dining Pilot Program, and please contact outdoordining@boston.gov with any questions.

For the Board,

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